

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 STATE 167216
ORIGIN NODS-00

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 /001 R

66011

DRAFTED BY AF:KHSMITH:MN

APPROVED BY AF:RMMOOSE

S/S-O:JTHYDEN

-----105934 182217Z /70

O 182143Z JUL 77 ZFF6

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO AMEMBASSY PARIS IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY BONN IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY RABAT IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY CAIRO IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY AMMAN IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY KINSHASA IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY LIBREVILLE IMMEDIATE

INFO AMEMBASSY NDJAMENA IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI IMMEDIATE

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 167216

NODIS

FOL RPT JIDDA 4992 ACTION SECSTATE 18 JUL 77 QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L JIDDA 4992

NODIS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, CD, US, SA

SUBJECT: MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO CHAD

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 STATE 167216

REF STATE 166492

1. DURING JULY 16 CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER SAUD, AMBASSADOR
AND DCM RAISED SUBJECT OF MILITARY SITUATION IN CHAD. SAUD
REPLIED THAT SAG ALSO HAD INFORMATION THAT SITUATION HAD
BECOME SERIOUS. HE CONFIRMED THAT SAG IS QUITE CONCERNED

OVER LIBYAY ACTION IN SUPPORTING THE REBELS.

2. DCM ASKED IF FACT THAT LIBYA IS ALSO AN ARAB COUNTRY WOULD MODIFY SAG VIEWS. SAUD REPLIED THAT TO EXTENT THAT QUADAFI WAS SUPPORTING THE REBELS AGAINST LEGITIMATE CHADIAN GOVERNMENT HE COULD NOT BE CONSIDERED AN ARAB.

3. OUR IMPRESSION IS THAT SAG WOULD LIKE TO HELP THE CHAD GOVERNMENT BUT DOES NOT KNOW HOW TO GO ABOUT IT. IF THE LEAD IN ORGANIZING AN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM WERE TAKEN BY THE GOVT. OF FRANCE OR OF THE UNITED STATES, SAG WOULD BE PLEASED AND WOULD PROBABLY BE WILLING TO PARTICIPATE.

4. OUR RECORDS INDICATE THAT THE USG HAS DELIVERED FOLLOWING ITEMS OF U.S. ORIGIN MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO SAG WHICH MIGHT BE AVAILABLE FOR TRANSFER TO CHAD:

A. 81 LIGHT AND MEDIUM TANKS. WE HAVE LOCATED 51 OF THESE THAT ARE DISPOSED AS FOLLOWS: 34 M-41 TANKS IN KHAMIS MUSHAYT IN SEMI-ACTIVE CONDITION AND 17 M-47 TANKS IN STORAGE AT TABUK.

B. IN ADDITION USG HAS RECENTLY DELIVERED SIX M60A1 TANKS NOW AT TABUK AND EIGHT M113A1 APC'S AT TABUK OR TAIF.

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 STATE 167216

C. SAG HAS TWO SQUADRONS OF C-130 TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT. THE TWO SQUADRONS HAVE 24 C-130H TRANSPORTS AND FOUR KC-130H TANKERS FOR AERIAL REFUELING.

D. THE SAUDI AIR FORCE HAS A TOTAL OF 43 AUGUSTA-BELL HELICOPTERS MANUFACTURED IN ITALY UNDER LICENSE BY BELL HELICOPTER OF DALLAS. THEY ALSO HAVE TWO VIP CONFIGURED SIKORSKY HELICOPTERS. THE AUGUSTA-BELLS INCLUDE ONE AB 204, EIGHT AB 205'S, 24 AB 206'S, AND TEN AB 212'S.

5. IN ADDITION TO U.S. ORIGIN EQUIPMENT, THE SAG HAS RECEIVED IN EXCESS OF 250 FRENCH AMX ARMORED VEHICLES INCLUDING TANKS AND APC'S. WE BELIEVE THAT THE JIDDA ORDNANCE DEPOT NOW HAS IN STORAGE 42 AMX-30 MBT'S, 20 AMX-30 TANK RETRIEVERS, AND 50 AMX-10 APC'S AWAITING DISTRIBUTION. IF THE GOF TAKES THE LEAD IN ORGANIZING MILITARY ASSISTANCE FOR CHAD, THE AMX VEHICLES MIGHT BE MORE APPROPRIATE THAN U.S. ORIGIN EQUIPMENT.
WEST

UNQUOTE VANCE

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: Z
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: MILITARY ASSISTANCE, CAT-A
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 18-Jul-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 22 May 2009
Decaption Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977STATE167216
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: KHSMITH:MN
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: N770004-0335
Format: TEL
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions:
Image Path:
ISecure: 2
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770746/aaaabnmj.tel
Line Count: 115
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 0e7e1d68-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ORIGIN NODS
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: NODIS
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: NODIS
Reference: 77 STATE 166492
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 08-Feb-2005 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 1826384
Secure: LOCK1
Status: NATIVE
Subject: MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO CHAD CONFIDENTIAL CONFIDENTIAL
TAGS: MASS, CD, US, SA
To: PARIS BRUSSELS MULTIPLE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/0e7e1d68-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009